

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In the aforementioned Board Decision, the Examiner's rejection of claims 1 and 3-7 was affirmed and the rejection of claims 11-15 was reversed. Responsive to and consistent with the Board Decision, the claims have been amended, canceled or left unchanged in a manner to place them in allowable form. More particularly, the claims have been treated as follows:

Claim 1 -- canceled and incorporated into claims 11, 12 and 15.

Claim 2 -- remains canceled.

Claim 3 -- canceled and incorporated into claim 11.

Claim 4 -- currently amended to change its dependency from claim 3 to claim 11.

Claim 5 -- currently amended to change its dependency from claim 3 to claim 11.

Claim 6 -- original and not amended (depends from claim 5).

Claim 7 -- currently amended to change its dependency from claim 3 to claim 11.

Claim 8 -- previously withdrawn but currently amended to change its dependency from claim 3 to claim 11.

Claim 9 -- previously withdrawn but currently amended to change its dependency from claim 3 to claim 11.

Claim 10 -- previously withdrawn but currently amended to change its dependency from claim 3 to claim 11.

Claim 11 -- rewritten to include its own limitations and incorporate the subject matter of canceled claims 1 and 3.

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Claim 12 -- rewritten to include its own limitations and incorporate the subject matter of canceled claim 1.

Claim 13 -- original and not amended (depends from claim 12).


Claim 14 -- original and not amended (depends from claim 13).

Claim 15 -- rewritten to include its own limitations and incorporate the subject matter of canceled claim 1.

In view of the foregoing, the instant application is believed to be in condition for allowance and, therefore, early issuance thereof is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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